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**Broadband Legal Expert Jim Baller to Address 2005 FTTH Council Annual Conference & Expo**2005 FTTH Conference & Expo  
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WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 27, 2005--The Fiber-to-the-Home Council today announced that Jim Baller, broadband legal expert and founder of the Baller Herbst Law Group in Washington DC, will be keynote speaker at the 2005 FTTH Council Conference & Expo on Wednesday, October 5, 2005. Mr. Baller will address the key legal and regulatory issues that affect FTTH projects as well as recent important actions before Congress, the FCC, the states, and the courts.

Mr. Baller is widely recognized as the most experienced and knowledgeable attorney in America on public broadband matters. His clients include the American Public Power Association (APPA), the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA), state utility associations and municipal leagues, and individual local governments and public power utilities in more than 35 states. He has also been involved in most of the leading public communications projects in the United States over the last decade, including more than twenty municipal fiber projects.

"Jim has been instrumental in leading the way for municipalities to have the right to deploy fiber to the home. His ability to successfully challenge barriers to municipal entry in recent years and his deep knowledge of the legal issues that affect fiber projects have had a huge impact on the speed with which FTTH projects have been deployed in communities across the country," stated FTTH Executive Director and Conference Chair, Michael Dimauro. "We are delighted to have Jim address conference delegates at the 2005 conference and look forward to his update on key legal issues affecting FTTH projects."

The fourth annual FTTH Council Conference & Expo will be held October 3 - 6, at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. The FTTH Conference is the premier event for advancing residential broadband access in North America. Speakers will include industry luminaries, government decision makers and optical fiber network implementers. Collocated with the FTTH conference is the Connected@Home2005 Conference & Expo presented by the Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA).

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**About FTTH Conference & Expo 2005**

The FTTH Conference & Expo 2005 is the only gathering of its kind dedicated to the advancement and deployment of fiber-to-the-home and will offer 55 conference sessions covering international and business issues, Fiber 101, plant engineering and technology. Panel discussions and case studies are an important feature of the program. The exhibition will showcase a full range of technologies and services. A pre-conference training program offering accredited continuing education courses prior to the conference on October 2nd. Visit <http://www.ftthconference.com/> for more information.

**About the Fiber-to-the-Home Council**

The Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) Council is a non-profit organization established in 2001 to educate the public on the opportunities and benefits of fiber-to-the-home solutions. FTTH Council members represent all areas of broadband industries, including telecommunications, computing, networking, system integration, engineering, and content-provider companies, as well as traditional telecommunications service providers, utilities and municipalities. Communities and organizations interested in exploring FTTH options can find information on the FTTH Council web site at <http://www.ftthcouncil.org/> or by e-mailing [info@ftthcouncil.org](mailto:info@ftthcouncil.org)

#### About Connected@Home2005 Conference & Expo

The Connected@Home2005 Conference will feature innovative connected home technologies that provide entertainment, data, voice communications and home management systems over broadband and other infrastructures. <http://www.connectedathome2005.com/>.

#### About CABA

CABA is the only industry association to offer industry intelligence to stakeholders in all areas of home & building automation. CABA's resources cover areas such as HVAC, lighting, security, A/V, communications technologies, energy management and controls. A number of resources are available through the association including iHomes & Buildings magazine, CABA's Summits and Conferences, CABA's monthly eBulletin, Information Series reports, Event Reports and the CABA web site. Please visit <http://www.caba.org/> for further information.

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